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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION V

DATE JUN 1 5 1981

SUBJECT Decision Memorandum, Grant Proposal

FRQM. Valdas V. Adamkus Acting Regional Administrator

Gary Dietrich, Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator Office of Solid Waste (WII-562)

THRU: Recommending Official

Michael B. Cook, Deputy Assistant Administrator Office of Hazardous Emergency Response (WH-548)

I. Objectives

The object of this proposal is to develop the information and construction plans and specifications that will be needed to begin clean up actions at the Reilly-Tar Chemical Site in St. Louis Park, Minnesota. These actions have been determined to be necessary to protect the public health and the environment, as provided by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (Superfund).

II. Relationship of this Project to the Program's Mission

The Superfund program is designed to clean up abandoned hazardous waste sites that pose a threat to public health and natural resources. The Reilly-Tar site was previously a wood creosoting operation which operated for seventy years. Within the last six years, six municipal water supply wells have been closed because they were contaminated with poly aromatic hydrocarbons. In order to clean up this site, extensive remedial action is needed. This project will develop the information and construction plans that are prerequisite to these remedial activities.

III. Explanation of Any Apparent Duplicative or Excessive Efforts

Initial measurements and investigations have been done by the State at this site. This information will be used as background for the tasks identified in this project.

Funds will be transferred to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) in order to augment an existing contract. All work required by this project is in addition to existing contract requirements and careful monitoring will take place to ensure no duplicative efforts are funded.

IV. Recommendation

It is recommended that this proposal be funded. Based upon the State's past performance in the conduct of activities associated with response actions at the site, we feel that the MPCA is capable of assuming responsibility for the management of the proposed project.

V. Reviews

Regional reviews of this proposal indicate that the proposed scope of work satisfies the intent of Section 104 of Superfund. The Region agrees with the State's justification for entering into a sole source contract with the selected consulting firm.

VI. Project Officers

To oversee this effort, I have designated Jack E. Braun, Hazardous Response Coordinator, as the Project Officer for Region V. He can be contacted at (312) 886-6214.

I understand that Mr. Lovell Richie, Senior Executive Officer will serve as the State's counterpart in this role.

\$200,000 Superfund contract money should be available 7/1/8/from HQ noney to be used to plan closure of 2 maite wells and construct onsite parallel well. Also an off site well abendonent plan

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